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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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RE: 2019 Charter School Annual Performance Review and 2020 Renewal Preview

The Charter Performance Review System is a tool that is used by RIDE staff and the Commissioner to inform the Council annually of charter school performance and to prepare for charter school renewal. RIDE staff have compiled the following high-level report of charter school performance for the 2018-19 school year. This report identifies each charter school's performance according to the review system and their performance on established academic, financial, organizational, and compliance indicators.

System Overview

- Four overall indicators annually evaluate the performance of a charter school.
 - Primary Indicator: Academic Performance is aligned to the star ratings and is comprised of the school performance indicator. To meet expectations on the school performance indicator a school must be at the 3-star level or higher. If a school is performing below the 3-star level of performance additional analysis is conducted through the school comparison sub-indicator. This analysis includes information how the school performs compared to their sending district (s) and how the school performs on student growth and the academic progress of their multilingual learners.
 - Sustainability Indicators: Financial, Organizational and Compliance
- Each indicator contains multiple performance criteria that determine an annual rating for that indicator (Exceeds, Meets, Approaches, Does Not Meet).
- Detailed annual reports for all charter schools identify ratings for individual criteria and overall indicators.
- Schools undergoing renewal are organized into initial renewal tiers, based on annual performance data, which differentiate the renewal process. The tier is updated based on the results of the 2019 Annual Performance Report.

The following report includes:

- A summary of charter school information and annual ratings for the 2018-19 school year.
- An overview of the charter renewal process, and detailed information for the schools that will go through the renewal process this fall.

2018-19 Charter Performance Review System Overall Ratings Summary

Each indicator of the Charter Performance Review System – academic, financial, organizational, and compliance – contains multiple, clear performance criteria. Performance on these criteria inform an annual overall indicator rating:

- E = Exceeds Expectations
- M = Meets Expectations
- A = Approaches Expectations
- DNM = Does Not Meet Expectations
- NR = Not Rated (For various reason the criteria or indicator is not rated. For example, the school does not yet have tested grades or has insufficient data to receive a star rating or component rating of the statewide accountability system, or School Comparison is not rated because the school met expectations on Indicator 1A)
- NA = Not applicable (if existing schools under a charter were not yet open)

Each charter has received its detailed 2018-19 performance report containing a breakdown of performance on each criteria. As the primary indicator, academic performance is aligned with the statewide accountability system and is based on a school's star rating.

The enrollment and grade levels reflected in the report are for the 2018-19 school year.

2019 Charter Performance Review System Overall Ratings Summary

Indicators		ACE	Achievement First			Beacon		Blackstone Academy	Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy					
			Providence ES	Illuminar ES	Providence MS	High School	Founders Academy		ES1	ES2	ES3	MS1	MS2	HS
Charter Overview	Charter Type	District	Mayoral			Independent		Independent	Mayoral					
	Located In	Providence	Providence			Woonsocket		Pawtucket	Cumberland	Cumberland	Lincoln	Central Falls	Lincoln	Cumberland
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2020	2022			2020		2021	2023					
	Year Opened (fall)	1997	2013	2015	2017	2003	2015	2002	2009	2011	2015	2010	2016	2014
	Current Grades Served	9-12	K-4	K-4	5-6	9-12	6-8	9-12	K-4	K-4	K-3	5-8	5-7	9-12
	Current Enrollment	209	462	462	201	229	139	356	411	419	226	319	240	350
	2019 Star Rating	*	***	****	****	**	*	***	***	***	***	***	***	**
2018-19 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	DNM	M	E	M	A	DNM	M	M	M	M	M	M	A
	(1B) School Comparison	DNM	NR	NR	NR	A	DNM	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	A
2018-19 Sustainability	(1) Financial	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(2) Organizational	A	E	E	E	M	M	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
	(3) Compliance	DNM	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M

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2019 Charter Performance Review System Overall Ratings Summary (Continued)

Indicators		Charette Charter School	Highlander		Hope Academy	International Charter School	Kingston Hill Academy	New England Laborers'/ Cranston PS Construction & Career Academy	Paul Cuffee School			RI Nurse's Institute Middle College
			Elementary	Middle/High					Lower	Middle	Upper	
Charter Overview	Charter Type	Independent	Independent		Mayoral	Independent	Independent	District	Independent			Independent
	Located In	Providence	Providence	Warren	Providence	Pawtucket	Saunders- town	Cranston	Providence			Providence
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2022	2020	2020	2023	2022	2022	2023	2022			2020
	Year Opened (fall)	2018	2000	2013	2014	2001	2001	2002	2000	2005	2010	2011
	Current Grades Served	9-12	PK-6	7-12	K-4	K-5	K-5	9-12	K-5	6-8	9-12	9-12
	Current Enrollment	82	273	315	178	370	189	175	361	185	257	272
	2019 Star Rating	NR	***	**	***	***	*****	*	**	***	**	**
2018-19 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	NR	M	A	M	M	E	DNM	A	M	A	A
	(1B) School Comparison	NR	NR	DNM	NR	NR	NR	DNM	A	NR	A	DNM
2018-19 Sustainability	(1) Financial	NR	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(2) Organizational	M	M	M	M	E	M	M	M	M	M	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M

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Indicators		RISE Prep	Segue	Sheila "Skip" Nowell Leadership Academy		SouthSide Elementary	The Compass School	The Greene School	The Learning Community	Times ² STEM Academy	Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts	Village Green Virtual
				Central	Capital							
Charter Overview	Charter Type	Mayoral	Independent	Independent		Independent	Independent	Independent	Independent	District	Independent	Independent
	Located In	Woonsocket	Central Falls	Central Falls	Providence	Providence	Kingston	W. Greenwich	Central Falls	Providence	Providence	Providence
	Renewal Decision in Fall/Winter of	2023	2023	2020	2020	2021	2021	2023	20023	2018	2022	2022
	Year Opened (fall)	2015	2010	2013	2013	2014	2002	2010	2004	1998	2010	2013
	Current Grades Served	K-3	5-8	9-12	9-12	K-4	K-8	9-12	K-8	K-12	7-12	9-12
	Current Enrollment	220	236	67	93	118	177	202	574	722	215	225
	2019 Star Rating	*****	***	* CIS	* CIS	***	****	***	**	***	**	**
2018-19 Academic Performance	(1A) School Performance	E	M	DNM	DNM	M	M	M	A	M	A	DNM
	(1B) School Comparison	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	A	NR	DNM	DNM
2018-19 Sustainability	(1) Financial	DNM	M	M	M	M	M	A	M	M	M	M
	(2) Organizational	M	E	A	A	M	M	M	E	DNM	M	M
	(3) Compliance	M	M	M	M	M	M	A	M	M	M	M

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2020 Charter Renewal Process

The following pages provide an overview of the process and a snapshot of performance ratings for each of the five charters up for renewal in 2020-21. The RIDE team is currently conducting the renewal process with each charter, differentiated based on their tier designation. **Tier designations will be updated based on 2019 performance ratings.**

- **Renewal Tiers:** Each school has received an initial renewal tier that determined a differentiated renewal process.
 - The initial tier designation informs a differentiated renewal process.
 - Tiers are based off 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic results and sustainability results.
 - Schools received “No Tier” rating if they did not have sufficient academic data. “No Tier” renewals receive an in-depth renewal process similar to a Tier 3 or Tier 4 school.
- **Renewal Timeline:**
 - Renewal site visits are typically scheduled to take place from March – May. Due to the Covid-19, RIDE is actively working with schools to determine how best to conduct site visits and an academic analysis for the term of the charter for the schools up for renewal.
 - Schools will receive an updated final tier based off 2018-19 and 2019-20 results for all indicators. These results are informed by the renewal site visit, FY19 audit for 2019-20 financial ratings, and the school’s performance on the statewide accountability system
 - The Council will have the opportunity to participate in open houses for any charters undergoing renewal (or applying for expansion) in fall 2020.
 - Renewal reports and recommendations will be brought to the Council for consideration in the late fall of 2020.
- **Renewal Documentation:** The Council will receive and review for each charter:
 - Renewal Recommendation
 - Renewal Report
 - School Response to Renewal Report
 - All Annual Performance Reports for the Charter

Summary of Charter School Performance for Charter Schools Up for Renewal in 2020

Beacon Charter High School Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021					Beacon Charter School- Founders Academy Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021				
	2018-19	2019-20				2018-19	2019-20		
Primary Indicator - Academic Performance					Primary Indicator - Academic Performance				
School Performance	A	TBD			School Performance	DNM	TBD		
School Comparison	A	TBD			School Comparison	DNM	TBD		
Sustainability Indicators					Sustainability Indicators				
Financial Performance	M	TBD			Financial Performance	M	TBD		
Organizational Performance	M	TBD			Organizational Performance	M	TBD		
Compliance	M	TBD			Compliance	M	TBD		
Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4				Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4			
Highlander - Elementary School Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021					Highlander- Middle/High School Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021				
	2018-19	2019-20				2018-19	2019-20		
Primary Indicator - Academic Performance					Primary Indicator - Academic Performance				
School Performance	M	TBD			School Performance	A	TBD		
School Comparison	NR	TBD			School Comparison	DNM	TBD		
Sustainability Indicators					Sustainability Indicators				
Financial Performance	M	TBD			Financial Performance	M	TBD		
Organizational Performance	M	TBD			Organizational Performance	M	TBD		
Compliance	M	TBD			Compliance	M	TBD		
Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 3				Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4			
Rhode Island Nurse’s Institute Middle College Charter Term: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021									
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20					
Primary Indicator - Academic Performance									
School Performance	M	DNM	A	TBD					
School Comparison	NR	DNM	DNM	TBD					
Sustainability Indicators									
Financial Performance	M	A	M	TBD					
Organizational Performance	M	M	M	TBD					
Compliance	M	M	M	TBD					

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Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4								
Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy- Central Falls Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021					Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy- Providence Charter Term: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021				
	2018-19	2019-20				2018-19	2019-20		
Primary Indicator - Academic Performance					Primary Indicator - Academic Performance				
School Performance	DNM	TBD			School Performance	DNM	TBD		
School Comparison	NR	TBD			School Comparison	NR	TBD		
Sustainability Indicators					Sustainability Indicators				
Financial Performance	M	TBD			Financial Performance	M	TBD		
Organizational Performance	A	TBD			Organizational Performance	A	TBD		
Compliance	M	TBD			Compliance	M	TBD		
Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4				Renewal Process Tier Designation	Tier 4			